

REGIONAL INFORMATION CENTER COVID-19

Reno, Sparks and Washoe County

Three Additional COVID-19 Cases Confirmed Washoe County

Case count reaches 25 in Washoe County

Media Release
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Reno, Nev. March 21, 2020. The Washoe County Health District announced three new cases of COVID-19 in Washoe County.

- A man in his 20s who recently traveled internationally
- A woman in her 60s who is a contact to a known case
- A woman in her 50s who recently traveled domestically

All cases are self-isolating and are in stable condition. Due to medical privacy requirements and to protect their identity, no further information about the cases will be released.

The total case count in Washoe County is 25. That number includes all cases, both current and those who have recovered.

COVID-19 Incident Management Team initiated

Effective at 7 a.m. today, an Incident Management Team has been given authority by Cities of Reno and Sparks, and Washoe County to manage the regional COVID-19 crisis. This team will support the region's local governments and regional partners on logistical, fiscal, planning, operational, safety and community issues related to the COVID-19 crisis.

Nevada State Public Health Lab has tested 1,406 patients for COVID-19 as of March 21

For the latest testing numbers, [visit their website](#).

Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) taking coronavirus precautions

RTC Washoe is making operational changes for the health and safety of employees, bus and paratransit drivers, transit riders, their families and the general public. [See more here](#).

Tuesday's Board of County Commission meeting postponed

See more information [here about the March 24 meeting postponement](#).

City of Reno has cancelled all non-essential meetings such as boards and commissions

Reno City Council meetings will still be held at their normal days and times, however to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, the City of Reno will be implementing social distancing procedures at Reno City Council meetings. [Click here for more information](#).

Sparks City Council Meeting on Monday will have social distancing rules in place

The Monday, March 23, 2020, [Sparks City Council Meeting](#) at 2 p.m. will have social distancing guidelines in place. Citizens are encouraged to watch the meeting live on the [City of Sparks Facebook page](#) at or [online](#) and email public comment to cityclerk@cityofsparks.us.

Accessing medical care during COVID-19 outbreak

Area hospitals and medical providers encourage community members to seek medical care by calling their medical provider first before arriving at a healthcare facility or hospital. If you are experiencing severe respiratory illness or other emergent health issues, we advise you to seek medical attention or call 9-1-1.

Beware of COVID-19 rumors

Distinguish rumors vs. facts regarding the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. [See more from FEMA](#).

Regional COVID-19 Social Media

For more COVID-19 updates from the regional public information officers, [follow us on Twitter @COVID19Washoe](#).

The COVID-19 Regional Information Center is working together to deliver COVID-19 community updates in a unified manner. The entities include: City of Reno, City of Sparks, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Regional Transportation Commission, REMSA, Reno Sparks Indian Colony, Reno Police Department, Reno Fire Department, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, University of Nevada, Reno, Washoe County, Washoe County Health District, Washoe County School District and Washoe County Sheriff's Office. Also in the group are the area hospitals, Northern Nevada Medical Center, Renown Health and Saint Mary's.

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